



My Fair Lady runs through Sunday

By Chelsey McDowell
Campus News Editor

London England, 1914, has found its way to campus, as Potomac State College Theatre proudly presents, *My Fair Lady*.

Eliza Doolittle, a common flower girl, spends her days selling flowers to higher class society. Doolittle yearns for the chance to sell flowers in a shop but her unusual accent holds her back from her dream.

One night Doolittle crosses paths with Henry Higgins and Colonel Pickering. Higgins, a dialect coach, boasts to the Colonel that if he were to take the time, he could teach Eliza the proper way to speak and how to behave like a proper lady. Little does Higgins know that Doolittle's inter-

est has been sparked.

Doolittle sets out to find Higgins and asks Higgins to live up to his offer that he can turn her into a lady. Higgins, resistant at first, receives a bet by Pickering that he cannot transfer Doolittle. The three set out on the adventure of the transformation.

The classic *My Fair Lady*, is based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*. *My Fair Lady* features many famous songs including, "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Get Me to the Church on Time," and "On the Street Where You Live."

When asked how rehearsals compare to the real thing, Melissa Tucker, one of two women who play Eliza, paused and said, "Oh wow, different."

Tucker says incorporating the microphones, live orchestra, and the reaction of the audience makes the show come to life. This is Tucker's first major lead. Tucker says *My Fair Lady* is her favorite musical. "My goal is to get the audience to like the musical as much as I do."

When you go to see a play, most of your focus lies with the actors and dancers on stage, but stage manager Rod Horning and his technical crew have a choreography all their own.

A technical crew's duties consist of setting the scenes in each act. Horning says, "This is not the hardest show he has managed but definitely not the easiest." Horning goes on to say the fun for him is in the build and watching the show come to life.

My Fair Lady continues its run tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. PSC students attend for free with ID.

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Financial aid exit counseling required for students leaving

Attention: Graduating, transferring, and not returning students

All student loan borrowers at Potomac State College are required to complete exit loan counseling before graduating, transferring, and/or leaving school or after dropping below half-time status. Since repayment of student loans is a serious obligation, students must complete exit loan counseling even though they may be re-enrolling at WVU, PSC or transferring to another college/university.

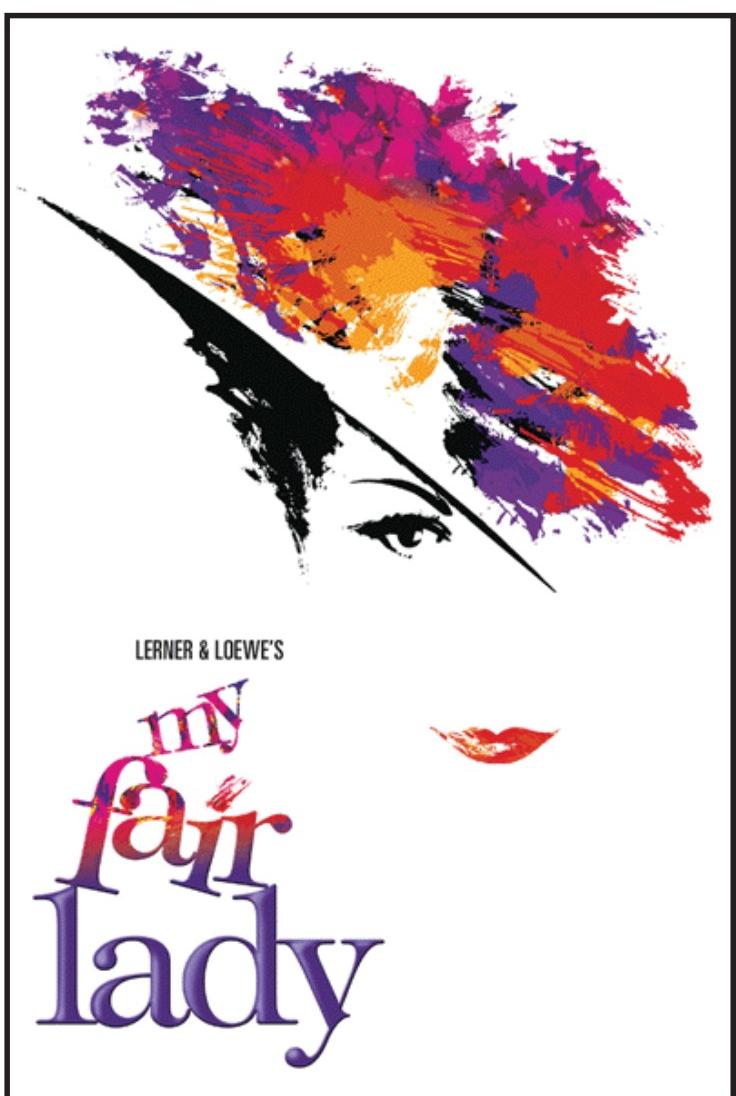
An e-mail will be sent to spring graduates in late March from WVU's loan servicer, Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI), requiring completion of loan exit counseling.

If the exit counseling has not been completed within the time frame specified, reminder postcards will then be sent to the students' permanent mailing addresses. At that time spring graduates who have not completed the exit counseling requirement will have a hold placed on their college records.

The hold prohibits the students from obtaining transcripts or grades and from registering for classes at West Virginia University and/or its regional campuses.

Once the exit counseling requirement is completed, the hold will be released.

Transferring students and students who are not returning to WVU, WVU-Tech, and/or Potomac State College for the fall 2011 term should contact the WVU Office of Student Accounts at osa@mail.wvu.edu to implement the exit counseling process.



Campus Habitat will build in Virginia

By Cody Hickey
Editor

Spring break is often a time for rest and relaxation. However, for approximately ten Potomac State students whose breaks will be spent doing construction work, rest will be the last thing on their minds.

Potomac State has been involved with the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge since spring of 2004. Last year, volunteers

traveled to Gilbert, W.Va. in Mingo County. This spring break, students will help build a home in Williamsburg, Va.

Habitat for Humanity began its Collegiate Challenge in 1989, and according to their Website, more than 182,000 students have volunteered over the past 22 years. The Collegiate Challenge is an alternative spring break program which allows high school

and college students to volunteer by building homes with Habitat for Humanity. This year, over 600 groups are going to 185 different volunteer sites.

Campus and community ministers Rev. James McCune and Rev. Sally Bartling organize the program at Potomac State. Their office is located in Reynolds Hall, and the contact number is 304-788-6868.

NOTE TO STUDENTS

- **Friday is the last day to withdraw from an individual class**
 - **Spring Recess is March 19-27**
 - **Preregistration begins March 29**

Students will be honored in April

By Drew Brubaker
Campus News Editor

Weekend of Honors is an annual event at Potomac State College when awards are given to students, faculty, and alumni.

The celebration kicks off on Wednesday, April 13, with the Outstanding Staff Reception. On Thursday, the 2011 Outstanding Professor Award will be given at a faculty dinner at the Candlewyck Inn.

Saturday, April 16, brings the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, when honors are given to current and former Catamount athletes. At this dinner, sophomore athletes are recognized and the Outstanding Male and Female Athletes are named.

Sunday, April 17, is the busiest and most eventful day of the weekend. The day's events begin at 2:30 p.m. with the Scholars' Wall Recognition Ceremony. Students, alumni, and a former professor will be named to the Gates/Whitmore Academic Achievement Wall.

Following this will be the Recognition Day Ceremony at the Church-McKee Arts Center Auditorium. Numerous awards will be presented to students, such as: Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, outstanding agriculture student awards, Sigma Phi Omega inductions, and various other awards.

Weekend of Honors cul-

minates with the Sigma Phi Omega Banquet in the Davis Conference Center, honoring new and current honor society members.

Police active across campus

By Tillie Lee
Feature Editor

Campus Police have been actively helping to keep the peace at PSC this past month. Below are some of the more interesting dis-harmonic acts.

On Feb. 2, a traffic stop on Campus Drive resulted in police detaining a man wanted on heroin charges in Virginia.

Five students were arrested for underage consumption after police responded to a loud party in Davis Hall on Feb. 17.

A battery occurred Feb. 18 against a student in Friend Hall over an alleged statement that was made on Facebook. Charges are pending.

Nothing could be found following an investigation of a reported marijuana odor at University Place on Feb. 22.

On March 3, a student reported being threatened by another student with a gun at UP. It was determined that the argument occurred over \$5, and the handgun threat was deemed unfounded. Both parties declined prosecution.

A minor destruction of property was investigated after graffiti was found on the walls of UP, on March 8.



Student Government Association President Drew Brubaker visited the state capitol in Charleston for Higher Education Day. He met with local legislators and other students from across the state.



Friday is last day to withdraw from an individual class

By Barbara Decker, Campus News Editor

As midterm grades were just released, you may find yourself not sure if you will pass a class or not. Often times you will get halfway through the class and then wonder if this class is for you. The deadline for dropping a class is Friday, so if you plan to drop a class there is no time to waste.

Students drop classes for many different reasons. Jackie Zirk says, "I was overwhelmed and just wasn't doing that well. I was overloaded."

Many students such as Matt Kimble said they weren't doing well and were worried about their GPA.

Some find themselves advised to withdraw, such as Keith Monroe, "My teacher said I was going to fail, so withdrawing was a better option."

Many teachers have had students withdraw from their classes. Professor of Nursing Mary Kaye Staggers says that can be for many different reasons, "Students may not be learning, getting bad grades, not liking the teacher, the teaching style might not fit them, or they might switch majors."

When Professor John Stone finds students withdrawing from classes, he says he notices that often "they don't attend, they get behind, have poor performance, they're not doing well so they just withdraw."

Professor of Journalism Fred Jacoby says that it is appropriate for students to speak with their teacher and academic adviser before dropping a class.

Many student question whether or not withdrawing from a class will hurt their financial aid. According to Rebecca Wilkins, financial aid counselor, it won't affect your financial aid this semester, but it may the following academic year.

Wilkins says, "If you withdraw from a class, you may not meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements, which state you must successfully complete 67 percent of all classes that you attempt." This is a requirement for financial aid, and it is separate from academic concerns such as probation.

Before deciding whether to withdraw from a class or classes, you should come in and talk to a Financial Aid Counselor, according to Wilkins.

If you do decide to drop a class, you may do so by logging onto MIX and enter STAR. Go to Student Services/Housing, then registration, then add or drop class. Pick the term and class, then go to action, drop course with withdraw. Then submit changes.

Zombies set to invade campus

By Brian Horton
Feature Editor

They're coming... again! PSC is gearing up for another zombie raid during this year's Humans vs. Zombies fun.

HvZ is an extreme game of tag in which one person is named as the original zombie but his or her identity is sealed. Everyone else remains human until tagged by the OZ or other zombies.

Humans carry Nerf guns or balled-up socks for protection against the hoard. Humans are identified by the red bandana worn on their arms and the zombies wear their bandanas on their heads.

The week of this event is filled with heart pounding, adrenaline-driven fun as students scurry from building to building, trying to attend classes without losing their humanness.

Commuters and dorm students are invited to play as long as they comply with the rules.

Humans have to provide their own Nerf guns. All indoors are safe zones and anyone caught breaking these rules are subject to disqualification.

Be on the look out for posters with registration details.

Organize your team now; They are coming!

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Lady Cats play at 3 today

By Miranda Nicol
Editor

The Lady Cats open their season this afternoon with a doubleheader against CCAC-South at 3.

The Catamounts were unable to play in their first tournament of the season.

The Lady Cats have a

strong team with seven sophomores and seven freshmen on the roster.

The Lady Cats will return to the Snowbird Classic in Myrtle Beach, SC. The tournament is held during spring break and lasts until Thursday, March 24.

The Catamounts will

host the WPCC championship April 22 and 23.

The Lady Cats travel to Monaca, Pa., to take on Community College of Beaver County, Friday.

The Cats are defending WPCC and Pennsylvania Collegiate Athletic Association champs.



Recycling comes to campus

The Potomac State College Recycling Committee is in the process of establishing long-term recycling plans for campus, beginning after Spring Recess. A recycling trailer will be parked behind Davis Hall and recycling bins will be located around campus. The goal is to begin recycling corrugated cardboard, paper and shredded paper, aluminum, magazines, and newspaper. For more information, contact Recycling Committee members Joan Vogtman, instructor in physics: 788-7109 or Mark McDonald, director of judicial affairs: 788-7248.

Nominate best staff person at PSC

The nomination period for PSC's Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year ends Friday at 4 p.m. Students, faculty, and staff may submit nominations to Susan Slaubaugh in the Student Support Services office in the Administration Building, second floor.

Nominees must be a classified staff employee, full or part time, and in good standing with the college. Nomination forms are available from Slaubaugh.

The Potomac State College Classified Employees Council established this award to recognize an outstanding classified employee who has demonstrated loyalty, outstanding performance, commitment, and dedication to the college.

Nominees will be evaluated in the following categories: shows exemplary conduct and courtesy; renders service to the college beyond job responsibilities; exhibits pride in his/her job; accepts overall position responsibility; maintains an outstanding performance in one or more job-related areas; is reliable; and maintains good relations with students, staff and faculty.

Relay for Life "Spring Fling" Raffle

The Alumni Relay for Life team is selling Spring Fling raffle tickets, now through the campus Relay event on Thursday, April 14.

The prize includes a two-night weekend stay at any participating Omni Hotel and Resorts, such as the Bedford Springs Resort in nearby Bedford, Pa.

The raffle winner will also receive a lovely gift basket



The Omni Bedford Springs

filled with homemade chocolates from Bedford Candies, a \$25 gift certificate from the Jean Bonnet Tav-

ern in Bedford, and other goodies.

The total prize is valued at \$500.

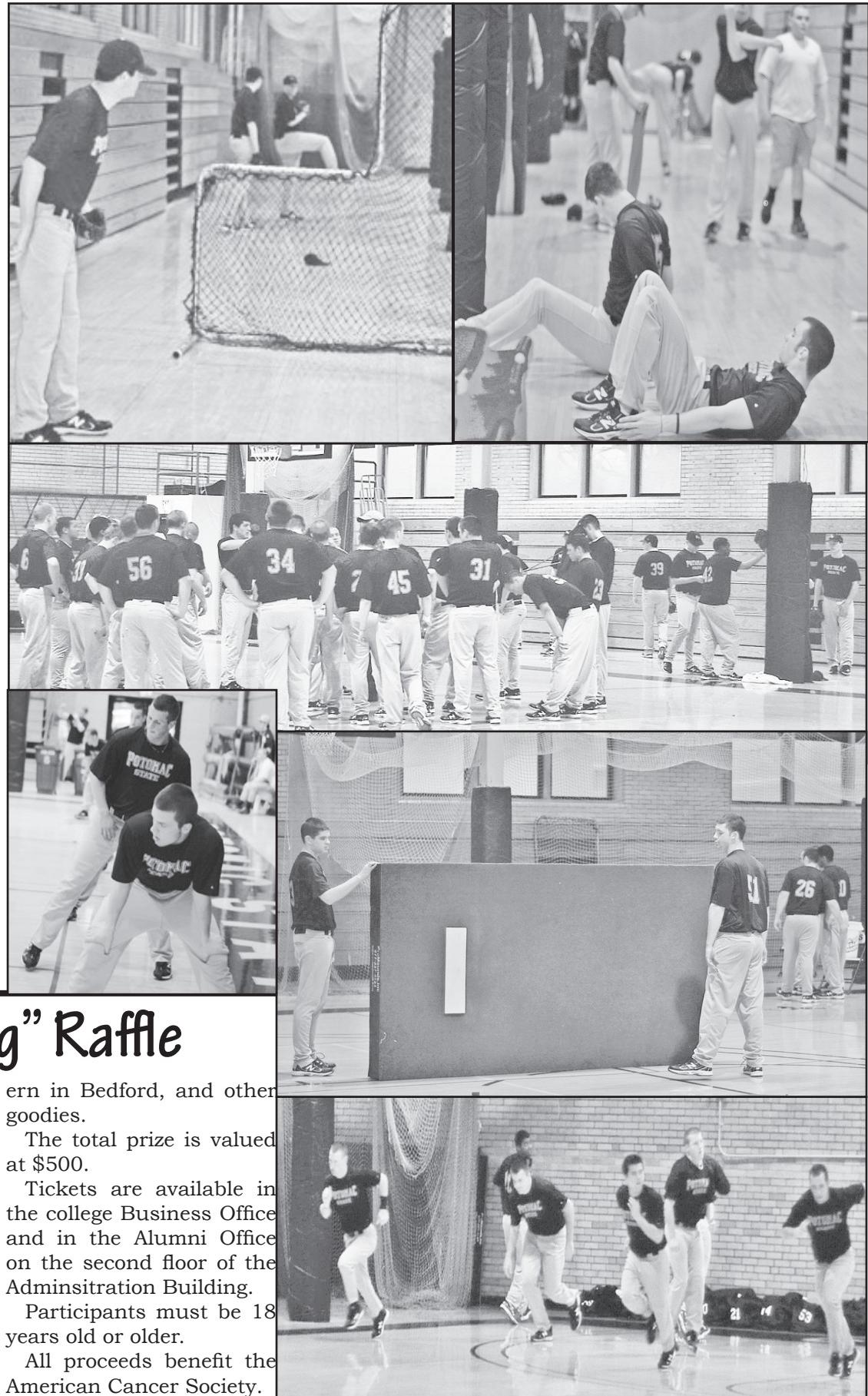
Tickets are available in the college Business Office and in the Alumni Office on the second floor of the Administration Building.

Participants must be 18 years old or older.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Men's team conditions indoors: open at 1 today

Photos by Kelsey Bacon, Photo Editor



Strachan interns at WV legislature

By Brian Horton
Feature Editor

Josh Strachan, third-year CJ major pursuing his Bachelor's of Applied Science, served as this year's Frasure-Singleton representative to the West Virginia Legislature. Strachan worked along side Delegate Anthony Barill (D-Monongalia) at the House of Delegates from Feb. 6-11.

The Frasure-Singleton Student Legislative Program is an opportunity for select full-time undergraduate students to observe the state legislative process for one week during the regular legislative session and is also counted as one college credit hour. Fifty students participate in this process from institutions across the state.

A "get to know you" session and welcome speech delivered by a House member were given during a dinner the Sunday of Strachan's arrival. Rules, procedures, committees, upcoming issues, and suggestions for success through the week were explained.

Participants met their assigned delegate at the delegate's seat on the House floor prior to the convening session. Shortly after their brief introductions to one another, Barill handed Strachan two bills to look over while giving him an overview of the job at the same time.

"Monday was probably the most nerve-wracking day because of the initial introduction process," said Strachan.

From Tuesday through Friday, Strachan maintained a busy routine, shadowing Barill from meeting to meeting. Strachan said that it was challenging to get used to but got easier as the days continued. Strachan also had the opportunity to attend other committee meetings not scheduled for Barill and meet other delegates.

"Barill is a very nice guy," Strachan said about the freshman delegate, "and the best part about it was

that he has a background in my same field of study, making it very easy to connect with one another."

On the last day of the program, Strachan gave a thank you speech along with an overview of his responsibilities and experiences of the week in front of the House of Delegates. You can find this speech on YouTube.com by typing in *Josh Strachan*.

"I definitely encourage students to take part in these kinds of experiences. It's one of those experiences where you know you are left with more than you had going in and that's something you cannot miss out on," Strachan said.

Students are required to be full-time undergraduates with good academic standing and have successfully completed a course in political science or government.



My Fair Gentleman on stage at PSC

By Dezi Clinton
Campus News Editor

Alex McDonald is a freshman general studies major at Potomac State College. Alex is performing in the school production of *My Fair Lady* as Freddy, the young man who falls in love with the leading lady.

"Freddy is one of my harder characters to play," said Alex, whose character sings a notable song in the show: "On the Street Where You Live."

Alex has been in theater since the age of 6, with performances at the Cumberland Theatre, New Embassy Theater, The McCoy Theater, Allegany High School, Allegany College of Maryland, and Larenim Park Amphitheatre.

His first show was *Winter Wonderland*. Alex has performed in over 70 shows. He started performing here at PSC in 2001.

Beauty and the Beast,

last year's PSC spring musical, is his all-time favorite show.

"I played Lumiere. He is one of my favorite characters, because he is a comical flirt. I also got to sing the number one song "Be Our Guest."

Other favorite characters he has played are the Tinman in *Wizard of Oz*, Doddy in *Greece*, Laurie in *Little Woman*, Rolfe in *The Sound of Music*, and Marcellus in *The Music Man*.

Alex has performed and placed in competitions at the MGM Grand Hotel and The Hilton in Las Vegas.

He is an active member in the Murder Mystery Train productions in Cumberland.

In addition to acting, Alex serves as a director with the Apple Valley Players. His directorial debut was *The Music Man*.

He had two fund raisers to help restore the Larenim Park Amphitheatre. He will



be presenting *Oliver* this summer at the Amphitheatre. *Oliver* will run the last two weekends in July and

the first weekend in August.

Alex invites all students to see *My Fair Lady*.

Baseball at home today: 1 p.m. doubleheader

By Charles Kangas
Sports Editor

PSC baseball is off and swinging; the gloves are popping, and the baseballs are soaring off the bat. The Cats play their first home doubleheader of the season today at 1 p.m. at Golden Field.

The Catamounts have started the season at a smooth 6-3, manhandling the Garrett College Lak-

ers in recent home action, 13-2 on Saturday and 13-6 on Sunday.

Sophomore pitcher Andy Smithmyer picked up the victory on Saturday, striking out 11 in six innings of work; bringing him to a 2-1 record to start the young season.

Sophomore Austin Art got the victory on Sunday, going five innings and striking out four. Pat Bankem-

From beaches to mountains

By Kelsey Bacon
Feature & Photo Editor

Current PSC student Fabio Arcelay Rosa was born and raised in Puerto Rico. What makes Fabio special is his outstanding baseball abilities and his transition from Puerto Rico to West Virginia.

Fabio has been playing baseball almost all of his life. He first started playing at age six and later was accepted to study in Puerto Rico Baseball Academy and High School at age 15.

Fabio was proud to have been selected, he says, "The only problem was that the school was on the other side of Puerto Rico, so at the age of 15 I had to leave my hometown, family, friends and girlfriend to live alone in a place I hardly knew existed."

During Fabio's senior year in high school he pulled his hamstring three times in track season. "I was devastated because I thought everything I had worked for was lost. I kept training hard, working out and thanks to God I came back from all the injuries," he said.

Fabio was offered a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, but turned down the offer and decided he would come to West Virginia and try out for WVU baseball team. Fabio said, "They told me they already had a second baseman and that I wouldn't see much time of playing for the next couple of years but recommended



me to come here."

Fabio is enthusiastic to do great things for PSC's baseball team and says, "I am currently a redshirted baseball player for the baseball team, and even though I would love to be playing I understand it's not my time this year. I am really proud of playing baseball for the 16th ranked team in the country, thus; I fully support my team and am eagerly waiting for next season so I could do what I came here for."

What some people may not know about Puerto Rico is that it's a well developed country and a United States territory. Fabio is a U.S. citizen and has social security; however, Puerto Ricans cannot vote in U.S. elections.

West Virginia's weather is very different compared to Puerto Rico. Fabio says, "I experienced my first real winter here in West Virginia." He goes on to say that he thinks the snow is pretty to look at but doesn't like the cold.

per, sophomore pitcher for PSC, pitched three innings of solid relief, striking out three, while fellow sophomore Colin Lyons struck out three in one inning of work.

After today's action, the Cats play at home Saturday, a 1 p.m. doubleheader, against Anne Arundel Community College.

PSC Head Baseball Coach Doug Little is excited about his team coming into this season.

The Catamounts finished last season 29-24, "the first year we didn't win 30 games," said coach Little. The Cats lost to Pitt Community College, in last year's district tournament, missing a shot at getting to the Junior College World Series.

Little says their goal this season is to get to the JUCO World Series, and knows "it's not going to be easy."

Coming into this season ranked 16 out of 187

teams and bringing back a more experienced team, PSC baseball has a good chance at achieving that goal, thinks Little.

The road to the World Series starts with winning the Region XX NJCAA Division 1 title. Little listed some of their toughest in regional opponents: Anne Arundel Community College, Hagerstown Community College, Chesapeake College, and Hartford Community College.

Coach Little is excited about the experience he has back this year, and feels that he has a lot of "really good new guys this year."

The pitching and the hitting is much better this year, and the Catamounts hope their strong pitching and solid line-up will carry them this season, said Little.

One thing affecting hitting will be the new technology aluminum bats now used in all college play

this year, which will cause a "dramatic change in the game," said Assistant Coach Don Schafer.

"The game will be safer for players," he said, because the ball comes off the bat a little more slowly, allowing players to better react.

"You'll see fewer homeruns and more sac bunts," Schafer said. The new bats are "closer to wood performance."

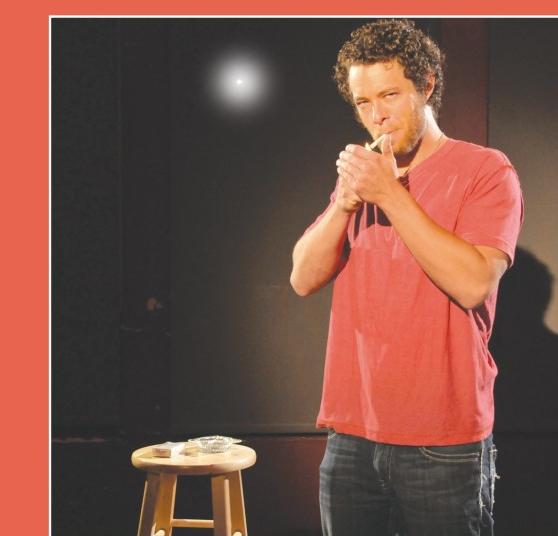
Little feels that the team is going to have to be more aggressive as hitters and base runners.

But one through nine in the batting order, Little said that "we're better than last year without question." With a more balanced line-up that can put the bat on the ball, Little feels that his team will have a better team batting average.

With experience, strong pitching, and a solid line-up Coach Little expects nothing but big things from his team this year.

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Our Opinions

Baseball is in the air

Wet, nasty, treacherous weather continues to literally rain (or snow) on our parade. The potential NFL lockout looms over our heads (Will there be football in 2011?). But, one ray of hope shines through it all, the upcoming Major League Baseball season.

With a new season comes rookie players getting their first taste of pro ball, potential new contenders fighting for a spot in the play-offs and a chance to be the next world champion. New managers hope to prove to themselves and everyone else that they're the guy to lead their team.

With every season new questions arise. Will the San Francisco Giants repeat as champions? Are the Boston Red Sox, or the Philadelphia Phillies the teams to beat this year? Can the Reds win the NL Central again? Will the Pirates end their woes, and finish with at least a .500 record? Can the Indians return to their winning ways and give the fans of Cleveland something to cheer for this season? Which dark horse candidates that will make a playoff push this season? Will someone finally win the Triple Crown Award, a player who leads his league in batting average, homeruns, and RBIs?

Yes, baseball is a beautiful thing. It's America's pastime; it's playing your heart out because you love the game; it's the crack of a bat, the sound of the ball whistling through the wind, the pop of the glove when the ball hits it dead on.

Baseball is watching the improbable triple play, the infielder diving across the dirt, the outfielder making spectacular catches, walk-off hits, no hitters, hotdogs at the ballpark, \$10 sodas, 12 oz beers.

Baseball is everything we love, everything we want to see, and everything we want it to be. **Charles Kangas**

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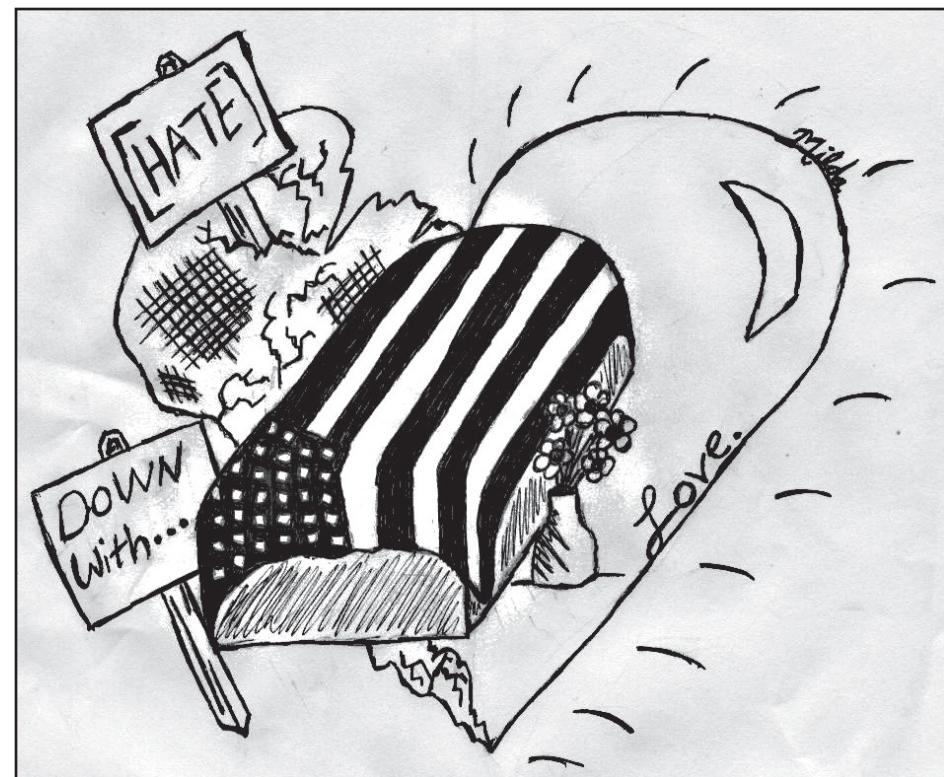
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"Thank God for Dead Soldiers!"

As a fledgling journalist, I am adamant about the preservation of the First Amendment. I will take any and all opportunities to fight for free speech (and all other rights for that matter). Invariably though, an issue comes along that causes us to question the limits of the rights we enjoy.

The actions of the Westboro Baptist Church are a clear example of this. The recent Supreme Court ruling in favor of Pastor Fred Phelps and this so-called church was a reflection of the court's devotion to also protect this right as they see fit.

But where does the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech end and defamation of character begin? If it weren't bad enough that this group of fanatics runs all over the country spewing a wildly bizarre brand of hate speech under the banner of Christianity (to the shame of Christians everywhere), they also specialize in using the funerals of fallen American soldiers as a platform for their protest agenda.

They wave banners reading things such as "Thank God for Dead Soldiers!" and "God Hates You." Along with this disgusting visual display, they scream hate speech that often times drowns out the service itself. Is there anything so low as to deny the families of our servicemen a peaceful burial for their fallen hero?

I detest the federal government's needless intervention in our lives as much as anyone. There are too many laws already, and in part it's because of idiots like these. However, if common decency and respect does not prohibit one from this type of action, it is time to pass special, very specific legislation to protect the sanctity of funerals and memorial services.

We cannot permit our servicemen and their families to be treated this way in this nation. Enough is enough! Everyone has a right to a decent burial- even Fred Phelps and his cronies, who have ruined so many others. **Dustin Hooks**

Reality TV totally stupid

Nearly everyone in civilized society watches television. For years, sitcoms were the staple of network primetime lineups.

However, reality television has grown in magnitude and popularity in the last decade. It's on MTV, TV Land, and all of the major networks. These shows are repulsive.

Some fight with friends and family members. Others attempt to overcome very serious personal problems. We are pulled into the highly embellished and overly amplified issues facing celebrities in rehab, Snookie's excessive drinking, and teen mom Janelle with her pot problems.

We face difficult personal and academic every day. Why do we seek entertainment in the problems of others? Keep on watching, America. Rest assured, I will be watching something else.

Drew Brubaker

Students learn how to interview correctly



Photos courtesy of Public Relations office.

By Kenny Kimble
Campus New Editor

Potomac State College held its annual Etiquette Dinner on March 10. The dinner, with an accompanying presentation, prepares students for a job interview.

The dinner began with a 30-minute slide show presentation on how to succeed in a job interview. After the presentation, students practiced interview skills over a four-course meal.

PSC Alumni Development Associate Libby Nichols says it's her favorite activity to participate in with students. "It's designed to teach students how to interview and learn proper

etiquette techniques."

Heather Ack of ATK and Dinah Courrier, retired PSC professor, presented the slide show. It covered everything that you need to know to succeed in an interview. Sometimes students might not realize interviews leave lasting impressions on employers.

It's important to remember to be on time, dress appropriately, and be professional said Courrier. From how you dress to how you act will factor into the success of the interview, and your chances of getting the job.

Dining Services, Student Affairs, and the PSC Alumni Association sponsored the Etiquette Dinner.



Preregistration for fall semester begins Tuesday after spring recess

Current PSC students may begin preregistration Tuesday, March 29, for fall semester classes.

Promise and Honors students' preregistration has already begun.

Students should see their academic adviser to get a term PIN that will allow access to the registration portion of STAR, within the

MIX system.

Early registration is advised, because the college has experienced record enrollment for the past two fall semesters.

Students wishing to change majors, may do so during preregistration.

Contact the Academic Dean's office for more information.

Planned Parenthood funding under attack

By Tillie Lee
Feature Editor

Recent legislative attempts to prohibit federal funding for Planned Parenthood clinics have sparked controversy over government funding for family planning services and abortion. The U.S. House of Representatives passed an abortion provider prohibition act earlier this year, which was then defeated by the U.S. Senate.

According to its Web site, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America provides basic reproductive and preventative health-care to men, women, and teens who without its services may not receive the care they need.

The Planned Parenthood Web site lists one health center in West Virginia, located in Vienna, more than a three-hour drive from PSC.

The closest Planned Parenthood clinic to PSC is located in Somerset, Pa. The clinic is 43 miles away and like many clinics, offers only abortion referral, not actual abortions.

The closest abortion clinic, Potomac Family Planning Center, is located in Hagerstown, Md, about an hour and a half away.

At PSC we have the Student Health Center that supplies students with preventative care, free birth control, as well as emergency contraception, and counseling.

Cherise Southerly, nurse at the Health Center, helps students facing all sorts of health concerns, including unplanned pregnancies.

"It's my job to discuss the three options you have, which are keeping the child, adoption, or abortion," Southerly said. She added that none of the options are without "life changing consequences."

Southerly suggests that students facing an unplanned pregnancy take at least a week and really consider their options.

Southerly emphasized that the best way to avoid these difficult decisions is for students to take the appropriate measures to avoid pregnancy.

Donna Swick, school nurse at the Health Center,

says that no matter your decision, "It is a personal choice."

According to a study conducted by Marshall University, teen childbearing cost tax payers \$38 million in 2004.

That study also shows there are four abortion providers in West Virginia. The two that provide elective care are both in Charleston.

The West Virginia Insurance Commission, unlike every other state in the country, does not require insurance companies to supply dependents of policyholders with contraceptive care. Additionally, 23 percent of all women ages 15 to 44 in West Virginia have no health insurance.

Recently a study by the Centers of Disease Control

and Prevention has shown that the pregnancy rate for West Virginia girls between 15 and 19 years old increased by 17 percent from 2007 to 2009. During this time the national rate fell eight percent.

According to the reproductive rights group WV FREE, West Virginia lacks a comprehensive approach to sex education. There is no consistency from county to county and even from school to school.

Abstinence-only education is primarily used, though studies have found this technique to be less than effective. The CDC study said that teachers in one of every four West Virginia high schools did not discuss prevention of pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.

OPINION

Rango needs a new rating

By Brian Horton, Feature Editor

Paramount Picture's *Rango* topped last weekend's box office, grossing \$38 million. You would think this is good news for the movie making giant, but *Rango* has lit up the anti-smoking world.

Turns out, *Rango*, an animated film with a PG rating, has at least 60 references to cigarette smoking throughout the movie.

PG is the wrong rating for this movie. I feel that movies like this should come with a warning to children about the effects of cigarette smoking. And, this movie should have a PG-13 rating.

Ironically, I am a smoker, but I side with non-smoking advocates on this issue. I am also the parent of two children who might see this movie. I don't want my children to get the wrong impression from entertainment for young people.

According to a recent article in *USA Today*, Kori Titus, from the non-profit Breath California, says the only other children's movie with this much smoking is *101 Dalmatians*, which shows about 60 instances of Cruella De Vil smoking.

Paramount spokesperson Virginia Lam points out in the same article that the lead character in *Rango* is never seen smoking and smoking is not to be celebrated or emulated.

I realize that because I smoke, my credibility might be questioned, but I believe that Paramount's reasoning doesn't make it. Kids are too impressionable. Cigarette smoking is not cool. The movie rating system is in place to protect children. This movie needs a stronger rating.

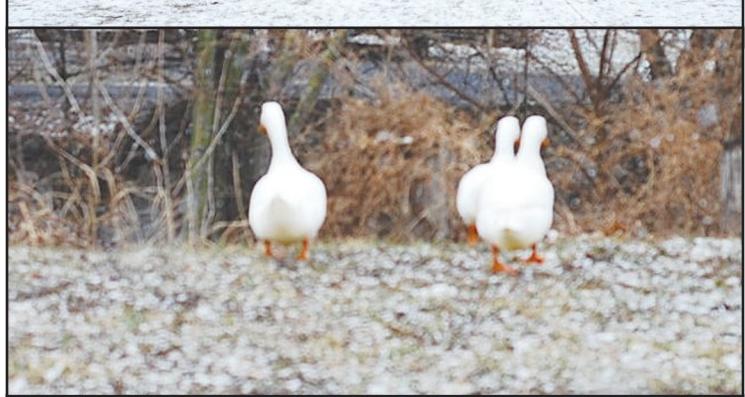
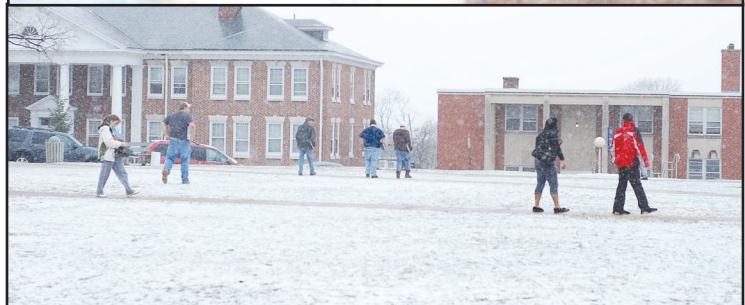
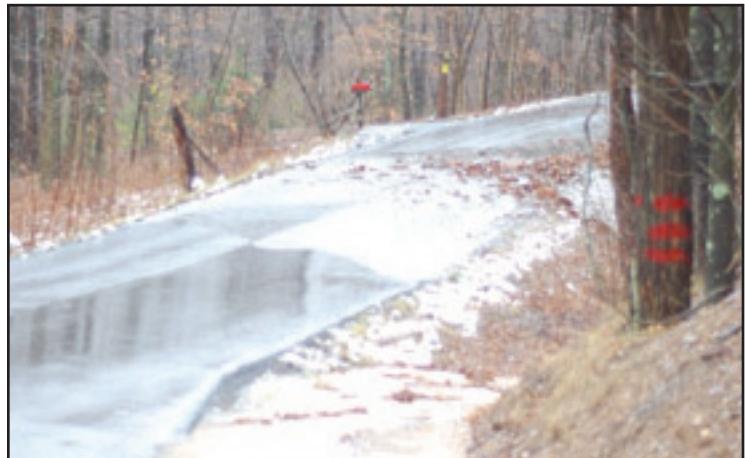
STUDENT SPEAK

**What are your plans for Spring Break?
Interviews by Chelsey McDowell;
Photos by Kelsey Bacon**

March Madness

Photos by Photo Editor Kelsey Bacon

March weather continues to challenge campus. Wednesday evening classes were cancelled because of snow. Baseball and softball fields were tarped to keep them playable. Local flooding made the college commute treacherous for all except geese.

**Calvin Bosley**

"Going to work."

**Shaiyla Barnes**

"Going to Virginia Beach"

**Henry Schuster**

"I am not sure yet. Maybe going to North Carolina."

**Alexandra Conley**

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Alexandra Lantz

"Going to a softball tournament."

"Not Sure Yet."

**Brian Glover**

"Going Home to Franklin, W.Va."